Reviewing the work of C-DOT

240. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are reviewing the work of C-DOT; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An expert Committee has been set up for the assessment and evaluation of Centre for Development of Telematics and the review is in progress.

All-party Conference on Punjab

241. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) by when an All-Party Conference on Punjab is proposed to be called; and

(b) what preparation have been made for such a Conference?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) An All-Party meeting on Punjab has already been held on 17th December, 1989 in New Delhi. This was followed by an All-Party Rally on Punjab held at Ludhiana on 11th January, 1990.

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242. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **जल-मूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 31 मार्च, 1989 तक दिल्ली परिवहन निगम को हुआ शुद्ध घाटा कितना था और 31 मार्च, 1990 तक इसमें और कितनी वृद्धि हो जाने की सम्भावना है और इस घाटे को रोकने की क्या योजना है ?

जल-मूतल परिवहन मंत्री, साथ में संचार मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री के. पी. उन्नीकृष्णन) : दिल्ली परिवहन निगम को 31.3.1989 तक, अवमूल्यन एवं ब्याज प्रभारों के लिए व्यवस्था रखने के बाद 328.18 करोड़ रु. की शुद्ध संचित हानि हुई अनुमानित शुद्ध हानि में 31-3-1990 तक शुद्ध हानि में लगभग 125 करोड़ रु. की वृद्धि होने की संभावना है ।

दिल्ली परिवहन निगम की मौजूदा भाड़ा-ढांचे की सीमाओं के अन्तर्गत दिल्ली परिवहन निगम ने घाटे को कम करने के लिए, मार्गों (रूट) को युक्ति संगत बनाने, व्यय में किफायत बरतने, बेहतर मद-सूची नियंत्रण एवं राजस्व के लीकेज को रोकने जैसे मुख्य उपाय किए हैं।

Development Board for Konkan region

243. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to amend the Constitution in order to give Development Boards for Konkan region in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c) The Government of Maharashtra have made two proposals—the first proposal is for establishment of separate Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marthwada and the rest of Maharashtra as envisaged in article 371(2) of the Constitution and the second proposal is for amending article 371(2)(a) so as to include a specific provision for establishment of a separate Development Board for Konkan also. However in deference to the wishes of the State Government, it has been decided to defer consideration of the second proposal and expedite action

in regard to the implementation of the first proposal.

Proposal to hand over Second Channel of Doordarshan to State Gvernments

244. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to hand over Second Channel of Doordarshan to State Governments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Prasar Bharti (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Bill, 1989 has already been introduced in Parliament which provides for conversion of AIR and Doordarshan into autonomous organisations. In view of this, it is not felt necessary to hand over the Second Channel of Doordarshan to State Governments.

Outcome of recent Indo-Nepal talks

245. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the issues discussed during the Indo-Nepal talks at Delhi in February and what was the outcome thereof;

(b) whether any progress has been made on issues like trade and transit and complaints of discrimination against the people of Indian origin and Indian Nationals in Nepal; and

(c) what is Nepal's stand on supply of Chinese arms to Nepal in violation of Indo-Nepal treaty?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c) The taks covered a wide range of subjects of mutual interest: trade, transit, economic cooperation, security perceptions, treatment of the nationals and cooperation in the field of industry, water resources etc. Progress was made towards a comprehensive solution of all outstanding problems.

It was agreed that during the next round of official talks work could begin on documents that would comprise a broad framework of the close and age old Indo-Nepal relationship, and strengthen it on an enduring basis.

Fire of telecom cables of Bambolina line in Goa

246. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the losses of crores of rupees worth telecom cables being set on fire at Bambolina line in Goa after it was pilfered, recently;

(b) what is the total loss estimated and what was the quantity of cables pilfered before it being accidentally set on fire; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to avoid such frauds in future and stage of investigation in this case?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (c) A major fire broke out on 20th January, 1990 in the store godown at Bambolina Panaji. Detailed investigation are in progress. Information will be furnished regarding total loss suffered and steps taken after the investigation is completed.